

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California 95670-6114

**PUBLIC HEARING**  
concerning

CLOSURE WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS  
FOR  
MERIDIAN BEARTRACK COMPANY  
MERIDIAN GOLD COMPANY  
AND FELIX MINING COMPANY  
ROYAL MOUNTAIN KING MINE  
CALAVERAS COUNTY

Meridian Gold Company and Meridian Beartrack Company own and operated the Royal Mountain King Mine facility from which gold ore was mined between 1988 and 1994. The mine is on land owned by the Felix Mining Company. There are seven waste management units onsite including three overburden disposal sites, a process water pond, a leachate collection and residue facility, a flotation tailings reservoir, and Skyrocket Pit. Monitoring data indicates that Royal Mountain King Mine is impacting groundwater and surface water. All discharges to surface water flow to Flowers Reservoir, which ultimately flows into the San Joaquin River. These Closure Waste Discharge Requirements require containment of waste onsite unless specifically addressed by other permits.

A public hearing concerning this matter will be held during the Regional Board meeting which is scheduled for:

DATE: 6 and 7 December 2007  
TIME: 8:30 a.m.  
PLACE: 11020 Sun Center Drive, #200  
Rancho Cordova, California 95670-6114

The designated parties for this hearing are as follows:

- Staff of Central Valley Regional Board
- Meridian Gold Company

Only designated parties will have these rights: to call and examine witnesses; to introduce exhibits; to cross-examine opposing witnesses; to impeach any witness; and to rebut the evidence against him or her. All other persons wishing to testify or provide comments are interested persons and not designated parties. Such interested persons may request status as a designated party for purposes of this hearing by submitting such request in writing to the Board no later than **2 November 2007**. The request must explain the basis for status as a designated party and in particular how the person is directly affected by the discharge.

Persons wishing to comment on this noticed hearing item shall submit testimony, evidence, if any, and/or comments in writing to the Regional Board no later than by noon on **2 November 2007**. Written evidence or comments submitted after noon on

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Meridian Beartrack Co., Meridian Gold Co. & Felix Mining Co.  
Royal Mountain King Mine  
Calaveras County

**2 November 2007** will not be accepted and will not be incorporated into the administrative record if doing so would prejudice any party.

All designated parties and interested persons may speak at the Regional Board meeting, and are expected to orally summarize their written submittals. Oral testimony and cross examination will be limited in time by the Board Chair

Anyone having questions on these closure Waste Discharge Requirements should contact Todd Del Frate at (916) 464-4737. Interested parties may download the proposed Order and related documents from the Regional Board's Internet website at <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/tentative/>. Copies of these documents can also be obtained by contacting or visiting the Regional Board's office at 11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California 95670-6114 weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

The procedures governing Regional Water Board meetings may be found at Title 23, California Code of Regulations, Section 647 et seq. and are available upon request. Hearings before the Regional Water Board are not conducted pursuant to Government Code section 11500 et seq. The procedures may be obtained by accessing [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_laws/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_laws/). Information on meeting and hearing procedures is also available on the Regional Board's website at [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board\\_meetings/mtgprocd.html](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_meetings/mtgprocd.html) or by contacting any one of the Board's offices. Questions regarding such procedures should be directed to Ms. Kiran Lanfranchi-Rizzardi at (916) 464-4839.

The hearing facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Ms. Kiran Lanfranchi-Rizzardi at (916) 464-4839 at least 5 working days prior to the meeting. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

Please bring the above information to the attention of anyone you know who would be interested in this matter.

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**Jack Del Conte**, Assistant Executive Officer

**28 September 2007**